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SUBJECT: SPAIN RECOGNIZES PEKING

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1. NCNA (MARCH 10) CARRIED THE TEXT OF THE JOINING PRC- SPAIN COMMUNIQUE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IN THE COMMUNIQUE, SPAIN RECOGNIZED PEKING AS THE " SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA" AND " ACKNOWLEDGE" THE PRC CLAIM TO TAIWAN. THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITHIN THREE MONTHS AND SPAIN AGREED TO CLOSE ITS OFFICE IN TAIPEI BEFORE APRIL 10.

2. PEOPLE' S DAILY AS USUAL CARRIED AN EDITORIAL WELCOMING THE EVENT (MARCH 12). THE EDITORIAL CONTAINED A RESTATEMENT OF PEKING' S PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY WITH COUNTRIES HAVING DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, INCLUDING A PLEDGE NOT TO INTERFERE IN OTHER COUNTRIES' DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. THE EDITORIAL ALSO RESTATED THE PRC POSITION ON TAIWAN.

3. COMMENT: SPAIN ESSENTIALLY COMPLETES PEKING' S SWEEP OF UNCLASSIFIED

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WESTERN EUROPE. (ONLY PORTUGAL AND THE HOLD SEE CONTINUE TO HAVE
RELATIONS WITH TAIPEI AND BOTH ARE SPECIAL CASES). SYMBOLI-
CALLY, RELATIONS WITH SPAIN EMPHATICALLY UNDERLINE THE DEATH OF
IDEOLOGY AS A CRITERION OF PEKING' S RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERN-
MENTS. IDEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS WERE NEVER THE SOLE DETER-
MINANT OF PEKING' S POLICIES (WITNESS THE CORDIAL RELATIONS
WITH PAKISTAN SINCE 1962) BUT THEY REMAINED IMPORTANT UNTIL
THE DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE WHICH BEGAN IN LATE 1970. THEY
WERE PUBLICLY BURIED SOMEWHERE BETWEEN GREECE (JUNE 1972)
AND ZAIRE (NOVEMBER 1972).
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